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The complex taxonomic rules do not affect the legitimacy of using the conventional nomenclature of mycobacteria based on the single genus *Mycobacterium* <http://bit.ly/2L3mpKi>

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